

Our Lady of the Valley Church

630 Valley Road - Wayne - New Jersey - 07470 - www.olvwayne.org

973-694-4585

**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*Timothy M. Matovina
University of Notre Dame
(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)*



March 11, 2018

Schedule of Masses

Weekdays

Monday - Saturday 7:30am

Weekends

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am
and 12:00 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage & Personal Appointments

Please call the Parish Office

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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: March 4, 2018

Attendance:	973	
Weekend Collection:	\$9,082.50	
Candles/Poor:	\$406.50	
Ash Wednesday:	\$50.00	
WeShare:	\$2,564.78	
Total:	\$12,103.78	

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of March 17-18:

Our Lady of the Valley

5:00pm	Father Peter
8:00am	Father Peter
10:00am	Father Wells
12:00 Noon	Father Wells

Holy Cross

5:00pm	Bishop Seratelli
10:00am	Father Peter

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 11	8:00am	Joseph Caputo
	10:00am	Alfred Graf Sr. Anne & Carmen Russo Woodward Family <i>(Special Intention)</i>
	12:00pm	Fred Akel Bobby Cooke Family of Kindl Robert Vanas
Monday, March 12	7:30am	Sharyn Mosca Nancy O'Flaherty
Tuesday, March 13	7:30am	David Anthony Lena DiPaolo
<i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>		
Wednesday, March 14	7:30am	Lisa Soltys <i>(Special Intention)</i>
Thursday, March 15	7:30am	Eileen Baldwin
Friday, March 16	7:30am	Sam Giannini
Saturday, March 17	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	John Hodor
Sunday, March 18	8:00am	Irene Goodrich
	10:00am	Nicholas Chanda Anthony Giannini Maria & Ludwig Mysliwec Ed Parks
	12:00pm	Dolores Ferriola

Women's Association

The Our Lady of the Valley Women's Association will gather on Wednesday, March 14, at 1:30pm in the Parish Center. Refreshments will be served.

All are welcome.

Expectant Parents

The blessing of expectant parents will take place after all Masses this weekend, March 10-11.



Please meet the priest or deacon at the baptismal font following Mass for this special blessing which occurs monthly.

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 11, 2018

Weekly Remembrance

This week the Sanctuary Lamp, burns as a reminder of the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and the bread and wine offered at the Altar, which become the Body and Blood of Christ, are given in memory of:

John Ricciardi

From Cindy & Anna Ricciardi

Adult Confirmation Classes

If you are 19 years or older and would like information regarding reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Sr. Dorothy via phone at 973-694-4585, x7245 or via email at srdorothy@olvwayne.org.

Preparation classes will be held on Wednesday: April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9, and May 16 from 7:15pm-8:30pm. The Sacrament will be conferred on Sunday, May 20.

Bereavement Support Group

*You can't get around grief, you can only go through it.
It has something to say to us, something to give us."*



Facilitator: Paula Pedersen, RN

When: Monday Evenings
March 19, 26
April 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Where: Our Lady of the Valley Parish Center
(Youth Room is located at the front door)
630 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ

Contact: Sister Dorothy 973-694-4585 x7245
Srdorothy@olvwayne.org
To register or for further information

Parish's Sacramental & Prayer Life

*"Is anyone among you suffering? They should pray...Is anyone among you sick? They should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."
(James 5:13,14)*

Pray for the Sick:

*Wilfredo Balbuena, Joseph Brucato Jr.,
Father Michael Burke, Chris Camp,
Louis Caprio, Ralph Cicetti, Kathy Corrao,
Robert Darpino, Jason Dellavalle, Flo Felano,
Josephine Ganz, Joseph Gronkowski,
Marie Liffers, Mary Maksuta, Rosa Malfa,
Helen Minetti, Gloria Minnocci, Jenny Moskal,
Donna Ottomanelli, Monica Phalon,
Andrew Potter, Michael Renaldo,
Norma Rivera, Kristen Sedlacik,
Alfred Smetana, Patricia Smith, Paul Tafuri,
Michael Waldinger, George Wilson*

*Indeed for your faithful, Lord,
life is changed, not ended,
and when this early dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.
(Roman Missal, Preface I for the Dead)*

Pray for the Dead:

Richard Alan Armando Sr.



Public Square Rosary Crusade

Please join us to pray for America's repentance of sin and God's forgiveness and mercy. God will hear us if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother and that is why we are doing the Public Square Rosary Crusade. Therefore, please join us to pray for America on March 17 from 12:00Noon – 1:00pm at Our Lady of Consolation Church, 1799 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne. Bring your Rosary and a chair. For more information, call Pat at 973-839-7142.

Flu Season and the Reception of Holy Communion

Nothing can absolutely prevent the spread of the flu virus, but a few **common sense recommendations** can help to lessen the possibility:

1. If you do not feel well and suspect that you may have the flu or a cold: **stay at home and do not come to Mass.**
2. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser.
3. All Eucharistic Ministers should wash their hands thoroughly before and after Mass: Hand cleanser is available in the sacristy.
4. **Sign of Peace:** if you feel uncomfortable with the exchange of the sign of peace through a handshake you are under no obligation to do so. You may extend the sign of peace to your neighbors by a nod of the head.
5. Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is the most practical means to distribute the Blessed Eucharist in a sanitary way.
6. Receiving the Eucharist by also drinking the Precious Blood from the common Communion Cup is discontinued until the level of flu cases has dramatically decreased.

Living Stations of The Cross

The Our Lady of the Valley Youth will once again be presenting the Living Stations on Good Friday, March 30, for our parish.

We are in need of one or two teens to help with lighting. This will count as service hours for Confirmation students. Rehearsals will be Sunday evenings. Also, if any teens want to use their gift of song to help us, you may sing in the chorus or a solo.

Please contact Judi at 973-694-4585 ext. 7208.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community-and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Welcome Home to Healing

Once again this year, the parishes of our Diocese of Paterson will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the Mondays of Lent, taking part in the 'Welcome Home to Healing' initiative. The scriptures proclaimed during Lent echo the call to conversion, especially through the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Special emphasis is given to Reconciliation and Penance so that all may celebrate the Paschal Triduum and Easter renewed in soul and spirit.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Our Lady of the Valley on the following Mondays:

March 12

March 19



Stations of the Cross

The 'Stations of the Cross' will be prayed each Friday evening during Lent at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Valley Church.

For many, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross," the "Via Crucis," and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates fourteen key events on the day of Jesus' crucifixion, the majority concerning his final walk through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying his cross.

The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land and walking along the actual route.

Our Sisters in Concert

The Diocese of Paterson Presents



Our Sisters in Concert

Sunday, April 8, at 3:00pm

The Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist
Main and Grand Streets

FINAL-Faith Formation Registration

For all Faith Formation classes
(including Confirmation)

FINAL Registration for all Faith Formation classes will be held on **Wednesday, March 14, at 4:00pm.**

Please note: This is the last of the mandatory meetings in Father Rugel Hall. One parent/guardian must be present to register their child. This is for all students who will be in grades 1-10 beginning in September 2018.

We respectfully request that you be on time for these meetings and stay for the entire meeting. All meetings take place in Father Rugel Hall.

Faith Formation Program

Grades 1-8:

Sunday, March 18, 25

8:30am - 9:45am and 10:30am - 11:45am

Monday, March 19, 26

7:00pm-8:15pm

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Confirmation I:

TODAY – SUNDAY, March 11

9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

TODAY – SUNDAY, March 11

1:15pm—2:45pm

Home Care 101

Do you have questions about caring for an elderly loved one? We have answers! Join us for a special presentation on caring for the elderly sponsored by HomeCare Options in Totowa, on Thursday, March 22, from 10:00am – Noon or 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Wayne Library located at 461 Valley Road, Wayne.

Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to MaryAnn Cannarella at (973) 523-1224 x242.

Welcome to the WeShare family!

WeShare aspires to provide the highest level of security to safeguard the online information of you and your parishioners.

With the migration of ParishPay financial data to WeShare we are asking your parishioners to validate their account to ensure the security of that information.

Please note their current account settings and scheduled donations will continue without validation. However, they will need to validate to:

- Make any adjustment to their current account, including adding donations, changing their scheduled donations or changing credit card numbers (new payment source, expires or reissues).
- Refresh their passwords.
- Provide valid email addresses to support password resets as required.
- Receive email confirmation of successful transactions or any declined transactions.
- Conform to recognized security best practices.

Validating their account online is a simple process but it does require the parishioner to know specific information about their account.

We will also provide support to your parishioners at 800-950-9952 select *Option 1* or email WeShare@4lpi.com. However we cannot assist them with validation if they can't provide the requisite information.

If your parishioner does not have access to information needed to validate their account you may validate for them. Security protocols require that each parishioner be validated individually. You can do so by:

- Working with donors while they're in the User Validation Tool to help enter the appropriate information.
- You can also validate your parishioners within their account and send them a password reset (with a valid email address)
 - Go to Manage Users within your WeShare site.
 - Click on member's name to open account.
 - Click on Change Email Address if needed to add email.

Spiritual Reflection

Listening to the Light

Ignoring God cannot be a good thing. We all know that. But the readings on this Fourth Lenten Sunday drive the point home.

The First Reading says the people of Judah “added infidelity to infidelity,” worshipping false gods, polluting the sacred temple, vigorously ignoring the real God. Read the First Reading for the terrible details.

Out of compassion God sent prophets to warn them. Each received only scorn. They would not listen. Our author says, “There was no remedy.” The people were condemned by their own actions. God's love remained constant, but theirs didn't. So invading forces took them as captives into Babylon, where they remained in exile for seventy years until the good and just King Cyrus conquered Babylon and let them go.

For a Responsorial Psalm we have one of the most poignant of all, the exquisite Psalm 137. In it, the people, captives in a foreign land, weep. They refuse to sing the songs of Judah because they are exiled from everything they held dear, everything that had been taken from them—through their own infidelity. As far as they knew, the light of life had gone out.

But, in truth, they had preferred darkness to light.

John's Gospel tells us that the guilty person “has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” God has no desire to condemn, but we condemn ourselves by walling God out! At the end of this Gospel reading there is a very interesting, wise saying that sums up the message of all the readings:

Light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

Maybe these sentences reveal the heart of sin itself. Light displays too much of life. We become ashamed. We hide ourselves, our sinfulness. Yet ...

... we are built to seek the light.

Perhaps the present writer can be pardoned for presenting in this space a poem, especially one that he himself wrote. It is a fable, set in the style of a children's verse. I recommend that you read it out loud with pauses. Perhaps it will speak to you of the readings.

Once there was a city built in the sunlight.
Warmth and laughter did abound.
Memories of day would remain every night
until the sun could return.

Fear one morning said light is too bright.
Too much of truth can be seen.
How can we seem what we say we are,
if light the intruder is here?

So walls went up and a ban on all windows
and nothing of day could remain.
The city said, you have left us, O sun.
In the darkness we have gone blind.

But the sun outside still shed its light,
and its warmth and its laughter and love.
It lightened the walls,
gave warmth to their chill,
while within, the soul bored a hole.

Into it poured a single beam,
a sunlight of laughter and care.
Softly, silently, almost like spring,
love opened and blossomed and grew.*

Listen to the light. Listen to God this Lent. Let love blossom and grow.

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